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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Techniques are provided for defining and coordinating execution of a compound service, which uses results from a plurality of base services, over a network. A sequence in which a plurality of modules must be executed to perform the compound service is specified in dependency information, and the modules in the sequence are executed according to the dependency information and under the management of a service execution adapter. Each module operates upon messages according to module properties, and is able to communicate using event messages.